

**FREE
CLASSES!**

The Outdoor Campus-West
South Dakota Department of
Game, Fish and Parks

Community Programs



Spring 2014

Registration Information



Program Registration Opens:
February 13
for March, April and May

Youth programs are **free**.
Some adult programs may have a materials fee.

**Thank a hunter or angler for
supporting our education efforts!**

Pre-registration is required for all classes
and programs.

**There are 2 ways to pre-register for classes at
The Outdoor Campus-West:**

1. Surf to our website at www.outdoorcampus.org
Click "Rapid City".
2. If you have problems, call us at 394-2310.

**Many programs fill quickly. PLEASE call us or cancel
on the website as soon as possible if you are unable to
attend a class.**

**Watch for POP UP Programs! If we have an opening,
we will add a class. Watch our Facebook and Twitter
pages for these special additions.**

Sprouts Preschool Programs

Age: 3-4 year olds and their adult partner

The goal of the Sprouts program is to introduce young children to the outdoors in a fun, active and non-threatening environment.



“B” is for Beaver

Beavers can swim underwater much longer than a person can! Come learn what beavers have that make them able to survive underwater, and see what it looks like inside their home.

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday	March 5	10-10:45 a.m.
Thursday	March 6	10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday	March 8	10-10:45 a.m. <u>OR</u> 11-11:45 a.m.

Spiders

Discover the differences between spiders and insects and learn how they build and use their webs through fun activities and crafts.

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday	March 19	10-10:45 a.m.
Thursday	March 20	10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday	March 22	10-10:45 a.m. <u>OR</u> 11-11:45 a.m.

Animal Movement

Discover how animals move and then imitate that movement through activities and song with our volunteer, Kazumi.

Age: age 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

Class date:

Monday	March 10	10-10:45 a.m.
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Sprouts Preschool Programs

Age: 3-4 year olds & their adult partner

Bird Nests

Experience how difficult it is to build a bird nest, and observe real nests up close. Learn how to help birds by hanging some nesting supplies for them to use.

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday April 2 10-10:45 a.m.

Thursday April 3 10-10:45 a.m.

Saturday April 12 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Let's Learn About Bird Eggs

Spring is coming and birds are nesting! Learn about eggs through songs and crafts with our volunteer, Kazumi.

Age: age 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

Class date:

Monday April 14 10-10:45 a.m.

“S” is for Snake

Learn how snakes “hear”, move and eat, and many more fun snake facts through hands-on activities and crafts.

Age: age 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday April 16 10-10:45 a.m.

Thursday April 17 10-10:45 a.m.

Saturday April 19 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Let's Enjoy Gardening

Come and let your little one plant their very own bean seed that they can watch grow. Sing songs and learn how plants grow with our volunteer, Kazumi

Age: age 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

Class date:

Monday May 12 10-10:45 a.m.

Sprouts Preschool Programs

Age: 3-4 year olds & their adult partner

Backyard Bugs

Bugs can be found in many places including our backyards. Explore the Campus trails to find bugs and get an up close look at what makes them different from other creatures.

Age: age 3-4 plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday May 7 10-10:45 a.m.

Thursday May 8 10-10:45 a.m.

Saturday May 10 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Let's Go Fishing!

Learn what fish like to eat, then try to catch one in our pond with rods just your size. Please wear a hat and sunglasses for your safety. Participants must be accompanied by an adult partner.

Age: age 3-4 plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday May 21 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Thursday May 22 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Saturday May 24 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

And for the younger

Nature Story Time

Join us on a reading adventure as we explore our nature library. We will read stories each month about animals, nature, children in the outdoors and lots more.

Age: 1-4 years with adult partner

Class dates:

Monday March 10 9-9:30 a.m. Winter

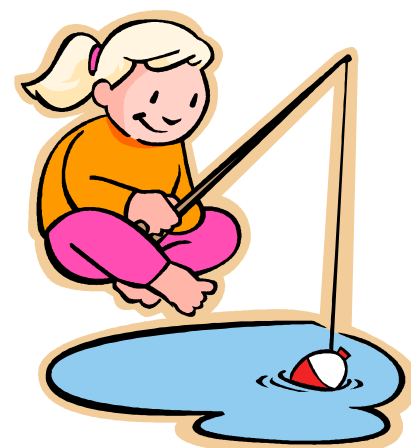
Monday April 14 9-9:30 a.m. Birds

Monday May 12 9-9:30 a.m. Pond Life



Young Naturalist Programs

Age: 5-7 year olds. Adults are encouraged to stay and enjoy the program.



The goal of the Young Naturalist program is to teach youth about South Dakota's natural environment and resources.

Spiders

Discover the differences between spiders and insects. Learn how they build and use their webs through fun activities and crafts.

Age: 5-7 year olds

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday March 8 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

“B” is for Beaver

Beavers can swim underwater much longer than a person can! Come learn what beavers have that make them able to survive under the water, and see what it looks like inside their home.

Age: 5-7 year olds

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday March 22 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

“S” is for Snake

Learn how snakes “hear”, move and eat, and many more fun snake facts through hands-on activities and crafts.

Age: 5-7 year olds

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday April 12 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Bird Nests

Experience how difficult it is to build a bird nest, and observe real nests up close. Learn how to help birds by hanging some nesting supplies for them to use.

Age: 5-7 year olds

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday April 19 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Young Naturalist Programs

Age: 5-7 year olds

Fishing is Fun!

Learn what fish like to eat, then try to catch one in our pond with rods just your size. Please wear a hat and sunglasses for your safety. Participants must be accompanied by an adult partner.

Age: 5-7 year olds

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday May 10 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Backyard Bugs

Bugs can be found in many places including our backyards. Explore the Campus trails to find bugs and get an up close look at what makes them different from other creatures.

Age: 5-7 year olds

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

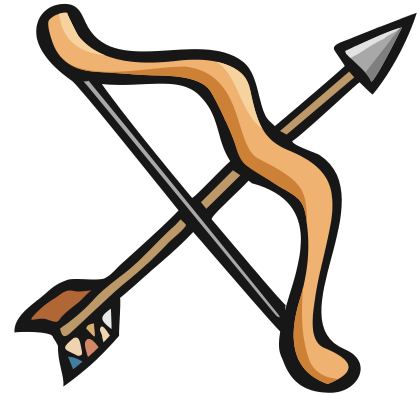
Saturday May 24 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.



We are always adding new and fun classes that are scheduled after this booklet is released! Follow our Facebook page or sign up for email notifications for Pop-up classes!

Junior Naturalist Programs

Age: 8-12 year olds



The goal of the Junior Naturalist program is to teach students about South Dakota's natural environment and its inhabitants through interactive games and activities. Trained staff will teach fishing and hunting skills and ethics, and nature programs, first in the classroom and then students will practice them outside.

Archery Basics

Ever wanted to try hunting with a bow? Trained staff will teach you how to shoot a compound bow and practice your marksmanship on our 3-D animal or bulls-eye targets.

Age: 8-10 years in a.m., 10-12 years in p.m.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following dates and times)

Saturday March 1 10-11:00 a.m. OR 12:30-1:30p.m.

Nature Journaling

Learn how many famous authors and artists began their careers by nature journaling. We will discuss how to get started and then explore areas on the Campus to begin or continue your nature journal.

Age: 8-12 years

Class date:

Saturday March 8 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Snowshoe Hike

Hike the trails in snowshoes (if there is snow!) Six steps and you will be an expert. Snowshoes will be provided. If there is not enough snow, we will go on a nature hike with journals instead!

Age: 8-12 years

Class date:

Wednesday March 26 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Junior Naturalist Programs

Age: 8-12 year olds

Snakes

Join in some snake science as you investigate snake senses, snake sizes, snake swallowing, and slithering scutes!

Age: 8-12 years

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday April 12 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Saturday April 19 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Bluebird House Building

Learn about habitat requirements of bluebirds and build a bluebird house to take home.

Age: 8-12 years

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday April 26 10-11:30 a.m. **OR** 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Woodcarving for Beginners

Learn basic carving safety while working with volunteer instructors from the Haycamp Wood Carvers Club. Each student will carve their own project. Materials will be provided by the Club.

Age: 10-12 years

Class date:

Saturday May 3 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Introduction to Fishing

Learn to identify SD fish and what fish eat, then try to catch one in our pond. Please wear a hat and sunglasses for your safety. Fishing equipment is provided.

Age: 8-12 years

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday May 3 10-11:00 a.m. **OR** 11-12:00 p.m.

1-2:00 p.m. **OR** 2-3:00 p.m.

Paddling

Learn the basics of flat-water paddling in canoes and kayaks. Course includes basic safety, paddling strokes, and hands-on practice at our pond. Wear shoes and clothes that can get wet!

Age: 8-12 years

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday May 10 1-2:00 p.m. **OR** 2-3:00 p.m.

Family Programs

Age: all ages, unless otherwise listed

Nature Hike

Take an evening hike guided by Campus naturalists to experience the sight, sounds and smells of winter and spring. Dress for the weather.

Age: all ages, minors must attend with an adult

Class dates:

Friday	March 21	6-7:00 p.m.
Friday	April 11	6-7:00 p.m.
Friday	May 16	6-7:00 p.m.



Movie Night

Bring your sleeping bags, pillows and blankets, or beanbag chairs and watch some awesome footage of nature at work, or learn some interesting woods lore. Popcorn snack provided.

Age: 4 and up

Class dates:

Friday	March 28	6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Beavers
Friday	April 25	6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	MicroCosmos
Friday	May 23	6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Folklore

Rifle Cartridge Reloading

Learn the basics of rifle cartridge reloading. Topics covered will include reloading safety, gear to get started, the reloading process and how to read and use reloading manuals. All equipment will be provided. No live ammunition will be produced during the class.

Age: 12 years and up; 12-17 year olds **MUST** be accompanied by parent or guardian

Class date:

Saturday	March 22	1-3:00 p.m.
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Turkey Box Calls

Build your own box call from a kit with volunteers Joe and Nancy Reinart. Learn the history of box calls and techniques for calling turkeys. Materials are provided. **One** box call will be made per family.

Age: 10 and up; children under 16 with an adult

Class dates:

Thursday	March 13	6:30-8:30 p.m.
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Family Programs

Age: all ages, unless otherwise listed

Intermediate Archery Shooting

If you have taken our Archery Basics class within the last year and would like to improve your skills, register for this class. Practice shooting skills and developing the muscle memory needed to be successful. Top off the evening with a fun team shooting competition. **Both** shooters must register.

Age: Pairs of 1 adult and one child, age 8 and up

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Tuesday March 18 6-7:30 p.m.

Thursday April 17 6-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday May 20 6-7:30 p.m.

Family Try It: Paddling Day

Ever wanted to learn paddling skills? Come to The Outdoor Campus to learn some basic skills and safety instruction. Practice on our pond. Both canoes and kayaks will be available, along with all necessary equipment. You may drop in anytime during the listed time period.

Age: 4-7 years can ride with adult, 8 years and up to ride alone

Class date:

Saturday May 17 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Family Fishing Basics

Learn how to rig and cast a pole, to identify fish, and learn basic fishing regulations. Discover how to make a fishing trip with children more fun for everyone by learning fishing safety. Bait and poles will be furnished for you to try your luck in our pond.

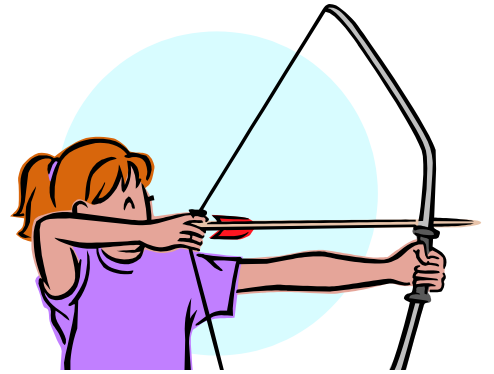
Age: 4 years and up, under 16 with an adult.

Class date:

Thursday May 15 6-7:30 p.m.

Adult Programs

Age: 18 and up. Please, do not bring children under 18.



Sausage Making

Learn the fine art of sausage making from Chef Jeff Olson. Class will include taste testing of recipes!

Age: Adult

Class date:

Tuesday March 11 6-8:00 p.m.

Deep Fat Frying Turkey

Learn how to safely cook a turkey in a fryer. Jeff Olson will share his experiences. Class will include taste testing!

Age: Adult

Class date:

Tuesday April 15 6-8:00 p.m.

Catch it, Clean it and Cook it!

You will get to catch, clean and cook a trout. Everything you need will be provided. You bring the appetite!

Age: Adult

Class date:

Tuesday May 6 6-8:00 p.m.

Bow Building Class

Build a functional bow by hand. Class will be a total of 5 sessions and participants ***MUST*** be able to attend all 5 sessions. There is a material fee of \$150 payable to the instructor, Hank Bak, Campus volunteer. All materials will be provided.

Age: Adult

Class dates:

Saturday March 1,8,15, 22, 29 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Adult Programs

Age: ages 18 and up. Please **do not** bring children under 18.

Archery Basics

Ever wanted to try hunting with a bow? Trained staff will teach you how to shoot a compound bow and practice your marksmanship on our 3-D animal or bulls-eye targets.

Age: 18 years and up

Class date:

Tuesday April 1 6-8:00 p.m.

Introduction to Flint Knapping

Learn how those ordinary-looking rocks were transformed into the necessities of life long ago. Make arrowheads with experienced flint knapper, Hank Bak, a TOC-West Volunteer. Materials and tools will be provided.

Age: Adult

Class date:

Tuesday April 29 6-8:00 p.m.

Lure Carving

Learn different techniques used to carve usable wooden fishing lures. Master Carver Mike Martin, will help you carve, paint and add hardware to your own lure that is guaranteed to catch fish! All of the materials will be provided.

Age: 18 years and up

Class date:

Thursday May 8 6-8:30 p.m.

Advanced Dutch Oven Cooking

Want to expand your Dutch oven knowledge? Try challenging recipes? Then this class is for you! We will be cooking up some gourmet meals and eating by candlelight. This class is for participants who have previously attended our basic class and want to advance their skills to the next level.

Age: 18 years and up. **No children under 18.**

Class date:

Thursday May 29 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Adult Programs

Age: ages 18 and up. Please **do not** bring children under 18.

Carving Woodfellows

Try your hand at bark carving to find the character that lives inside a pine knot. Using a Dremel tool, you will carve away everything that does not look like a face! Volunteers Joe and Nancy Reinart will assist you with this project. All materials will be provided but you can bring your own Dremel tool if you would like.

Age: 18 years and up

Class date:

Thursday May 1 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Boat South Dakota: Course on Responsible Boating

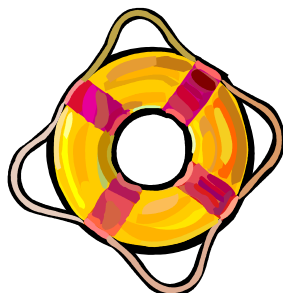
This class will include general information about boats and maintenance; tips on how to be a safe, courteous boat operator; and discussion on laws and regulations. New and potential boat owners are encouraged to attend. Upon completion of the course, participants will receive a SD Boating Basics Certification and a possible reduction on boat insurance. **Must attend both nights.**

Contents are approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators & the US Coast Guard.

Age: 18 years and up

Class date:

Wed & Thurs March 26,27 6-9:00 p.m.



NOTE: Please remember to cancel your registration if you are unable to attend. This will allow others the opportunity to participate. Cancel by going online to the registration system or by calling 394-2310. Thank you!

HuntSAFE Programs

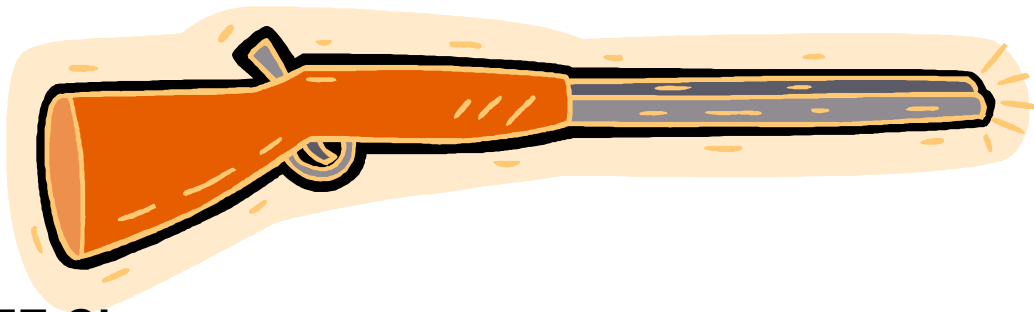
Online HuntSAFE Field Day

This 4 hour field day class is for those who have completed the IHEA online HuntSAFE course. Those enrolled must bring a printed copy of their completed online course chapter tests. Students must have the last 4 digits of their SSN and date of birth to obtain their Hunter Safety card after successfully completing the field day at The Outdoor Campus-West in Rapid City.

Age: 12 years to adult

Class date:

Saturday March 15 **OR** May 10 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



HuntSAFE Classes

State law requires that juveniles 12 through 15 years of age successfully complete a HuntSAFE course before obtaining a SD hunting license. The course is open to both youth and adults. All materials and firearms will be provided. Students will receive a HuntSAFE completion card. Students **MUST** attend the 3 dates at The Outdoor Campus-West **and** the Saturday date at the Rapid City Trap Club.

Age: Participant must be age 12 by 12/31/14

Class dates: pick **one** of the following. **MUST attend all 4 dates.**

Tue-Thurs	March 4	5:30-9:00 p.m.
	March 5	6-9:00 p.m.
	March 6	6-9:00 p.m.
Saturday	March 8	8 a.m.-12 p.m. (At the Trap Cub)
Tues-Thurs	April 8	5:30-9:00 p.m.
	April 9	6-9:00 p.m.
	April 10	6-9:00 p.m.
Saturday	April 12	8 a.m.-12 p.m. (At the Trap Club)
Tues-Thurs	April 22	5:30-9:00 p.m.
	April 23	6-9:00 p.m.
	April 24	6-9:00 p.m.
Saturday	April 26	8 a.m.-12 p.m. (At the Trap Club)



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